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Attn: E

FROM Chief of Station, Vienna G

SUBJECT { GENERAL Operational
SPECIFIC GROSSBAHN AA-8 Visit of 28 November 1955

Meeting Arrangements

1. At 1715 hours on 28 November, E went unannounced to the house of GROSSBAHN AA-8 in Vienna. E well knew from E that GROSSBAHN AA-8 had been reinstated as an officer in the Austrian Army and was undergoing training at Villach. Nevertheless, E had to put in an appearance, since his failure to appear would show that he had inside knowledge.

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2. E was received by GROSSBAHN AA-8's mother, who told E her son was away in Villach, allowed him to read a letter from the new captain and explained that her son had been very disappointed not to see E in October. (At that time E, expecting GROSSBAHN AA-8 to be recalled to service momentarily, had avoided the agent so as not to have to give him AS 10,000 to buy a motor scooter, which he would not need as a captain in the Army.)

3. The mother said her son had run out of money and had to borrow some from her. E thereupon gave her AS 2,000, due GROSSBAHN AA-8 for October and invited her to take whatever she had loaned him and either send the balance to Villach or hold it until he came home at Christmas.

4. The mother said that her son had gotten a final divorce from his wife and the wife had married the man with whom she was living, although she professed to love GROSSBAHN AA-8 more than the new husband. The mother was not sure how her son felt about the whole affair now that he was a captain once again, earning a fair salary, and with the prospect of being returned to Vienna and being provided with quarters.

5. E discussed with the mother the wisdom and practicality of talking to the wife to see if she would not rejoin GROSSBAHN AA-8 and

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start all over again. The mother thought it would be worth trying.

Communications

6. [] said that he would drop in again between Christmas and New Year's and give GROSSBAHN AA-8, who would be there at that time, another 2,000 AS.

Security

7. At no time did [] mention who he was or where he came from. He claimed he had been out of town for over a month and was therefore unable to visit GROSSBAHN AA-8. The mother asked no questions. She had seen [] before on several occasions at the house. The Communist Party office, which was formerly located in the front of the house, has apparently moved. No posters or Communist signs are now in evidence.

Case Officer Comment

8. [] feels that it may still be possible, by talking to GROSSBAHN AA-8's former wife, to bring this family back together again. If they can be persuaded to try, some money may be needed to help them set up housekeeping. This matter will be discussed further in the Austrian Station.

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